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CIVIL AVIATION
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CLOSING OF MAIN RUNWAY OF IGIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main runway of Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) would be closed for operation for about 6 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make this runway available for operation before Commonwealth Games?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) M/s Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) has proposed to undertake the upgradation of runway 28/10 at IGI Airport for which runway 28/10 is required to be closed for about 6 months. The last re-carpeting of runway was done by Airports Authority of India in year 1999-2000. Generally, resurfacing of runways is required every 6-8 years depending on traffic load and usage. Directorate General of Civil Aviation carried out inspection of the runway to assess the runway condition and it was concluded that runway needs major repairs. DIAL has also carried out assessment through experts and has also reported that sub-layer of the runway also need repairs.

(c) As per the plan, work will be completed by 20th September, 2010 i.e. before the Commonwealth Games.